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Forest Pest Management

Providing pest management assistance to resource managers

Forest Pest Management (FPM) is an organization that historically has its roots in both the National Forest System and in Forest Service Research. However, more recently, in response to a need for insect and disease management assistance on **all** forested land, FPM was moved into the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) organization in the Northeastern Area (NA). NA, newly formed in 1966, was created in response to a growing need for forest management assistance by small non-industrial woodland owners. In the Northeastern Area, an area made up of the 20 northeastern states, about 70 percent of the forested land is owned by small private landowners. FPM, working within the S&PF organization, can respond to the congressional mandate to provide insect and disease management assistance not only to the National Forests, but also to other Federal land managers, and to state and private foresters through their state forestry organizations.

FPM's primary goal, as expressed in the long range plan for the Northeastern Area, "People & Forests: Refocus on Opportunity", is to protect the people and the environment of the Northeastern Area. Within that charge, FPM functions in a dual role of providing both **technical** and **financial** assistance for forest pest management to cooperating resource management agencies.

FPM employs pest management specialists, forest entomologists and plant pathologists, to provide technical assistance in the prevention, detection, evaluation, and suppression of forest insect and disease pest problems. In addition, expertise is available in the areas of nursery pest management, pesticide use, and remote sensing for monitoring insect populations and/or damage.

WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

FPM provides assistance to:

- National Forest managers
- Other Federal land managers
  Some of our other Federal cooperators include: National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Defense.
- Cooperating State natural resource management and regulatory agencies.

WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN WE PROVIDE?

Technical pest management assistance:

- On-site evaluation of pest problems
- Pest identification and management recommendations
- Detection surveys and loss assessments
- Forest nursery insect and disease management
- Training programs tailored to specific needs
- Remote sensing imagery—acquisition and interpretation
- Technology transfer through publications and workshops

Pesticide Use Management assistance:

- Maintaining current files of pesticide labels and technical references
- Reviewing pesticide use proposals
- Training in proper use of pesticides
- Making recommendations on pesticide use and safety
- Providing copies of relevant publications as available
- Participating in pesticide use reviews
- Providing on-site aircraft calibration and characterization assistance

Financial support through programs such as:

- Cooperative Forest Pest Action Program—These cost-sharing programs provide financial and technical assistance for State forest pest management programs. To qualify, the state must have a professional forest pest manager(s) that provides pest management assistance to non-federal land owners/managers.
- Cooperative Pest Suppression Programs—These programs provide financial and technical assistance for prevention and suppression projects that meet economic, biological, and environmental criteria and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Forest Pest Management share of state cooperative programs varies, but is generally one fourth for public land, one third for land owners of 500 acres or more, and one half for land owners with less than 500 acres. Federal suppression programs are fully funded by FPM.

HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN PEST MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE?

Simply contact your local Forest Pest Management Field Office for assistance or referral to the appropriate state forestry agency or county extension office.

St. Paul Field Office—

WRITE:
Field Representative, Forest Pest Management
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry
USDA Forest Service
1992 Folwell Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

CALL: (612) 649-5261

Morgantown Field Office—

WRITE:
Field Representative, Forest Pest Management
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry
USDA Forest Service
180 Canfield St., P.O. Box 4360
Morgantown, WV 26505

CALL: (304) 291-4133

Durham Field Office—

WRITE:
Field Representative, Forest Pest Management
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry
USDA Forest Service
Louis C. Wyman Forestry Sciences Laboratory
P.O. Box 640
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CALL: (603) 868-5719